pe empour. whiue pilat of pouce
gouernede judee. & eroude was
prynce of galile. & filip his bro
pir was prynce of ituree & of
pe cuntre of tracon. & lisanye ws
pnce of abilyn vndir pe pnces
of pretis anas & cayfas: pe wo
rd of pe lord was maad on john pe
sone of zacarie in desert/ & he cam
into al pe cuntre of jordan: and
prechide baptym of penance i
to remyssiou of synes as it
is writn in pe book of pe wordis
of isaye pe profete/ pe vois of
a crier in desert/ make ze redy
pe weye of pe lord: make ze his
papis rizt/ ech valey schal be
fulfillid: & euery hil & lytil hil
schal be maad louz/ and schrewid
pigis schule be into drecchid pigis:
& scharpe pigis in to pleyn wey
es/ & euery fleuch schal se pe heel
pe of god/ perfore he seyde to pe
peple which weente out to be bap
tyzid of hym/ kyndlyngis of ed
dris: who schewide to zou. to
fle fro pe wrayde to comynge:
perfore do ze worpi fruytis of
penance: & bigynne ze not to seye.
we han a fadir abrahm/ for i/ seie
to zou: pat god is mytzty to reyse of
pes stoones pe sonis of abrahm/
& now an ax is sett to pe roote
of pe tre/ and pfore euery tre
pat makip no good fruyt schal
be kitt doun: & schal be cast into
pe fier/ and pe peple axide hym:
& seiden/ what pane schule we do:
he answeride: & seyde to hem/ he
pat hap twey cootis: zyue to hi
pat hap noo/ & he pat hap metis:
do in lyk maner/ & publicans ca
me to be baptisid: & pei seiden
to hi/ maist what schule we do:
and he seide to hem/ do ze no pig
more pan pat pat is ordeynned to
zou/ and knyztis axide hym & sei
den/ what schuleu also we do: &
he seide to hem/ smyte ze wrong
fully no ma. nei make fall ca
lenge: & be ze apayed wip zour
soudis ¶ whiue al pe peple gef
side. & alle me pouzte in her her
tis of john. lest panetur he we
re crist: john answeride & seide
to alle me/ i baptise zou in wat
but strouger pan i/ schal come af
tir me: of who i am not worpi to
vnbynde pe lace of his schoon/ he
schal baptise zou in pe hooly goost
& fier/ whos winewyng tool in
his hond: & he schal purge his flor
of corn/ & schal gedre pe whete i
to his berne: but pe chaffis he
schal brenne. wip fier vnquench
able/ & many opur pigis also he
spak & prechide to pe peple ¶ but
eroude the trark. whiue he was
blamyd of iohn for erodias pe
wyf of his broper. & for alle pe y
uels pat eroud dide: encreside
pis ouer alle. & schutte iohn in prison
& it was don whiane al pe peple
was baptisid. & whiue ihu was
baptisid & preiede: heuene was
openyd/ & pe hooly goost cam doun
in bodily lyknesse: as a dowfe on
hi/ & a vois was maad fro heuene/
you art my dereworpe sone: in
pee it hap plesid to me/ & ihu hi
silf was bigynnynge as of pirt
ty zeer/ pat he was gessid pe so
ne of joseph/ which was of hely.
which was of matacy/ which ws
of leuy/ which was of melchy/ pat
was of janne/ pat was of joseph/